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**Amendment No. 4 to HB1515**

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1758**

**House Bill No. 1515\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1408, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

(d) The commission on aging and disability shall equitably allocate funding resources between urban and rural areas to program components that provide services to elderly and disabled individuals in need of assistance who do not qualify for long-term care services under medical assistance pursuant to part 1 of this chapter. Any funding allocation formula developed to distribute funds to program components shall include a factor that appropriately weights the needs of individuals who live in rural areas. Such formula shall reasonably weight the rural population of elderly and disabled who are in need of services.

(e) By August 1, 2001, the commission on aging and disability shall establish an average maximum statewide unit cost for service provided to elderly and disabled individuals in need of assistance who do not qualify for long-term care services pursuant to part 1 of this chapter. In developing the rate, the commission shall take into account the unit of service rate permitted for such service under any federal waiver for providing assistance under this chapter if such service is also provided under the federal waiver and in no case can it be more than twenty percent (20%) above the average statewide unit cost for that specific service.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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